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## Organizations push forward in relief efforts

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Individuals and groups can now support and make donations for the University of New Orleans through a comprehensive fund.

Rita Henry, assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs, and others formed a group to help specifically with relief efforts at the University of New Orleans. They met on Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. to discuss a specific strategy and goal.

Their goal was to mount a sustained effort to raise funds for the "Recovery Fund," established by Tim Ryan, chancellor of the University of New Orleans. The Recovery Fund is designed to assist members of the university community who lost everything the hurricanes and their aftermath.

"I am overwhelmed by support on campus," Henry said. "There has been a phenomenal response."

Students, faculty and campus organizations will be encouraged to participate in this project, Henry said. Individual campus organizations could incorporate fundraising for this project with their own fundraising projects for the year, or opportunities to donate cash will be available at specified events and programs.

Funds collected will be sent to the University of New Orleans at the

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## Massara, Smith win top seats



photo by Michelle Bishop



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VaShawn Smith (top left) and Steve Massara react to the announcement of their wins for the top seats in Student Government. (bottom left) Student Government came up with unique ways to remind students to vote. (Right) Massara shakes the hand of opponent Jesse Collins. Collins' running mate Andrew Malek says he enjoyed the process.

### Student Senate

ANGI SADA  
NEWS EDITOR

Seniors Steve Massara and VaShawn Smith sealed the deal and took home the wins in the 2005 student president/regent and vice president race.

The two-day voting process culminated with 946 students casting ballots and the announcement of the Massara-Smith, president/regent and vice president respectively, win over their opponents junior Jesse Collins and senior

Andrew Malek.

Election Commission Chairperson Maris Hoke announced the winners of each office in the Fireplace Lounge in the heart of Milo Bail Student Center, including the class senators and the senators who will be serving their respective colleges.

This year's voter turnout was more than 200 ballots shy of last year's turnout of 1,152 votes.

The Massara-Smith ticket won the vote with 76.11 percent of the vote over Collins-Malek's 19.66 percent.

Collins said after the announcements that he and his running mate were pleased with the experience.

"The biggest thing coming in was that we knew it wasn't going to be a cake-walk. There were lots of delays. It was a learning process. It was fun."

Massara spoke for his camp.

"I am very excited and honored."

Smith agreed with that sentiment and said that he was relieved that the process was over.

"I'm at ease. I'm glad

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photo by Michelle Bishop

## UNO group celebrates Gay and Lesbian History Month with rally, events

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STAFF WRITER

Gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders have a lot to celebrate and reflect on this month.

October is official Gay and Lesbian History Month, and the campus's corresponding club, ABC Soup, has a lot planned.

The National Coming Out Day Rally will take place at the Milo Bail Student Center on Oct. 11 in the Fireplace Lounge, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rally is held every year on the second Tuesday of October.

At the rally there will be gay, lesbian, and straight ally speakers. The point of the rally is to celebrate

people who have "come out" with their sexual orientation.

In the 1990s ABC soup was almost none existent, said the group's faculty adviser, Meredith Bacon. The members had asked Bacon to be the adviser without even knowing that he (she has recently become known as a woman) was transgender.

Bacon said she feels like transgenders are being separated from gays, lesbians, and bisexuals because of their gender identity and not their sexual orientation.

For gay history month, Bacon will be showing a video that describes the times before a gay bar in New York City, called Stonewall, was raided.

The raid was a turning point for gays in society, Bacon said. Homosexuals began to fight for their rights and protesting injustices.

She will also be giving a three-part lecture about GLBT ancient civilization.

ABC Soup President Gabriel Gonzalez felt like the turning point for gays was when homosexuality was taken out of the Diagnosis and Statistical Manual, which is a manual that doctors and physicians use to diagnose patients.

For a long time homosexuality was considered an illness, Gonzalez said.

Activities taking place off campus are Rainbow Celebrations,

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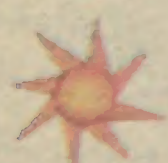
## Cultural Diversity Fair



photo by Caelan Millerd

Visiting professor of Latino Studies, Jesus 'Chuy' Negrete, plays for a crowd Wednesday, Oct. 5 at the Milo Bail Student Center for the Cultural Diversity Fair. Negrete is also a folk singer.

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## News you can use

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### "Crafters for Disaster Relief" to be held Saturday

The UNO section of the National Council of Negro Women will host "Crafters for Disaster Relief" Saturday at UNO. The event, a fund-raising craft fair, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom. Donations will be taken at the door. All proceeds from the door donations and a planned raffle will be donated to Hurricane Katrina rebuilding projects in Gulfport, Miss., that are sponsored by the national headquarters of the NCNW. For more information, contact Felicia Smart at 390-8678.

### UNO Health Fair Oct. 20

The 2005 UNO Health Fair will be held Thursday, Oct. 20, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Milo Bail Student Center. It is open to all faculty, staff and students.

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end of the fall and spring semesters, Henry said.

Another event on campus, being sponsored by the UNO chapter of the National Council of Negro Women, is called "Crafters for Disaster Relief."

This event will be raising money to help rebuild the Gulfport, Miss. community. Around 50 to 60 years ago, the National Council of Negro Women established a community for low-income families in Gulfport and this community has been completely destroyed, said Felicia Smart, president of the UNO chapter of NCNW.

They had a fundraiser already in progress so they decided to donate a portion of the proceeds to the relief effort. This craft fair fundraiser will be held on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Student Health Services and the Wellness Stampede, UNO's health promotion program. The 2005 theme is "Healthy Lives in 2005." Approximately 30 vendors will offer a variety of free screenings, information and giveaways. Comprehensive blood draws will be available at the fair. The cost is \$22. The results are confidential and will be mailed directly to the participant's home. For an additional \$12, males can add a screening for prostate cancer. Registration is required before the event. To register or for more information about the fair, call SHS at 554-2374.

### Terrorism analyst to kick off ABC Breakfast Series Oct. 27

Christopher Whitcomb, an on-air terrorism analyst for NBC News, will kick off the 2005-06 season of the Academy, Business and Community Breakfast Speaker Series Thursday, Oct. 27. A 15-year veteran of the FBI, Whitcomb

speaks internationally on security and crisis-resolution matters. He has investigated a variety of terrorist acts, including the World Trade Center bombings in 1993 and the USS Cole attack in Aden, Yemen. His freelance work also has been featured in a number of national publications. Since 1975, the ABC Breakfast Speaker Series has brought the perspectives of actors, authors, educators, journalists and politicians to the people of Omaha. It is recognized as one of the nation's longest-running speaker series. All ABC Breakfast events will be held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, 72nd and Grover Streets. The doors open at 7 a.m. for a breakfast buffet, followed by the speaker's presentation. Tickets for the ABC Breakfast are \$12.50 per person, per breakfast, or \$50 for the entire season. Tables of 10 also are available at a cost of \$500 for the entire series. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 554-2981.

"Admission is completely by donation," Smart said.

Another way they raise money at this event is to charge \$30 per table for anyone who wants to come and display their crafts, Smart said. All of the donations and a portion of the money raised by table costs will be donated to the National Headquarters of NCNW. They will then distribute the money accordingly.

Information Technology Services is also doing its part in relief efforts. Their office put together a program called "Together We Can Make a Difference." They will be collecting paper items, toiletry items, medical supplies, shoes and blankets to send to the Gulf Coast.

It started with a list of office members who wanted to help and moved towards a

meeting where ideas were thrown around. Eventually this was the idea that was formed and Alice Villone, business manager with ITS, was named coordinator of the event.

"It isn't just me," Villone said. "So many people have helped."

With all the great efforts around campus they need to be made more public to the students.

"I've seen attempts at relief efforts but, college kids either [don't care or don't have the money]," said UNO sophomore Mike Lovejoy.

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National Board Meetings, Rainbow Bible Study, a day out in the Old Market and more. All the activities are listed on the GLBT Web site.

Despite being openly gay, UNO freshman Zachary Kain doesn't really care about October being gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender history month.

"I understand why gays and lesbians would want to have a history month, but I could really care less," Kain said.

Professor Frank Bramlett, co-sponsor for ABC soup, said the message he is trying to get out to the campus is safety and equality.

The organization is not only trying to be educational, but is also hoping to help services in Omaha, such as the AIDS project. They participate in the AIDS walk and Night of 1,000 Stars.

According to Gonzalez, the last time members participated in the AIDS walk they raised \$406. All the money raised goes to the Nebraska AIDS Project.

Even though gays and lesbians have their own history month and are becoming more accepted in society they are still dealing with a big issue: marriage.

"People can get very angry about gays in public and their open relationships and marriage," Bramlett said.

## Gambling Problem?



Problem gamblers are increasingly preoccupied with gambling, need to bet more money more frequently, and are restless or irritable when they attempt to stop their gambling. A research study is being conducted for individuals experiencing gambling problems.

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## Double-charging system put to rest

SALLY BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Students in English and journalism classes will not have to use copy cards for printing in classes that already have lab fees.

Last fall, the *Gateway* reported on the frequently discussed dual-copy fee for a number of English and journalism classes.

Students of certain classes were required to pay a fee for the lab computer costs in addition to paying for a copy card to print in the same computer lab.

Because of disgruntled student and faculty feedback, the system was revised.

Jeremy Lipschultz, professor and director of the School of Communication, said the communication faculty members in the journalism fields voted last year against the copy card system.

Students taking classes in the Arts and Sciences building classrooms use printers that will operate without a copy card.

Lipschultz said the system seems to work out well for the students.

The computer lab in arts and sciences room 300 is an open lab, and will continue to operate on the copy card system.

Not only was this system changed, but students effected last year received a \$2 credit on their student I.D., which is half of the \$4 lab fee.

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## Bad headline example No. 327: Omaha gets naughty

I must tell you that this column will be altered slightly in the coming weeks.

Yes, there have been those who wanted to shut it down from the beginning. I was setting a bad example, and while on some levels that was true, we all know that alcohol and the misuse of it has been a part of college culture since college started.

I will have you all know that I am not selling out because of the anti-Drunk Diaries readers. Truthfully, I just cannot take the copious amounts of alcohol consumed. The wallet has gotten thin, I have gotten fat, and I have countless hours of sleep, work, and studying that has piled up into an unmanageable load. This column, partly because of our social responsibility at the *Gateway* (and partly because of my responsibility to myself), will no longer consist of ramblings from a drunk, but rather true reviews of the bars that I go to over the course of a week. Whether it changes more down the line is still up in the air. Please feel free to send feedback to me, either by email or on our Web site. You can also invite me out to new places if you want.

Now that that's out of the way...here we go. This week was a light week because of the stuff with the things that I talked about earlier. I did hit up two new places, though:

**Naughty's Lounge & Grill** (10730 Pacific Street)

I always thought it was called *The Naughty Lounge*, but I saw it online that way, so whatever. I went there on a Thursday and it was kind of dead. Some friends and I went to check it out because they had never been there post-makeover and I had never been there period. The only thing that really was disappointing was that there were no

### The Drunk Diaries



Andrew Cumbee

people there and the ones who were, were not what I would call "naughty."

Naughty's is hard to pigeonhole into one type of bar. It does have a bar, it has a dancefloor and club area and a grill, although, food was of no interest that evening. Also of interest: pretzels everywhere. You want some good drinking food? There you go. I ate a whole bowl of these there. Not just your regular pretzels either. They're naughty pretzels.

Naughty's kind of has a New Orleans theme. It looks a little like Mardi Gras all the way around. That definitely puts you in the mood to have a good time going in. The place simply looks cool inside.

The drinks are about the same as any other club or upscale bar. It's about \$4 to \$7 for mixed drinks and shots, with beer at a very naughty \$3. That's all right. Places like this, you expect those kinds of prices. Plus, with the service there, you won't mind paying a little more.

All in all, Naughty's is a great place for atmosphere and service. I definitely will be going back on the weekend sometime to see what it's like with a bigger crowd.

**O'Brien's Lounge** (1014 S. 74th Plaza)

Okay, so I've been here before, but not for a while, so I'm reviewing both my experiences as one. I can do what I want. Back off.

It seems like this is a huge UNO hangout. I don't really get it. It isn't exactly my style. It's a laidback bar with too many people to be laidback. I had a good time, don't get me wrong. It's the people that make a bar, and there were a lot there with me.

The place is a lounge, so the atmosphere is kind of, you know...lounge-ish. There's pool and darts, and plenty of tables and bar space. The first time I was there, there was a

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## Homecoming: Where is home anyways?

Dear Diary,

It wasn't until recently, being the academic intellectual that I am, that I figured out what homecoming really is... well, to me at least.

It sounds simple enough right? Homecoming. Coming home. But I just don't think people don't have time to "go home" anymore or just flat-out don't know where to go. Even if home is close, sometimes it's the farthest place away from where we really are.

It's really kind of humorous if you think about such a simple thing. Home is where you go to sleep and eat. It's a building, it's a place. Home is where some people's heart is, but sometimes it is gets lost. It could still be right where you left it, but you don't have the key and you don't live there anymore.

I could never really explain it until now. I moved out when I was 18 for college but really felt like my home was something I had left long before that. I think I really left home when I was around eleven. It was 1996 when my house with the white picket fence and rose bushes wasn't my home anymore.

My parents divorced and my dad kept the house for as long as he could, but I think I knew, even then, it would never be the same. My mother, my little sister and I moved to a small apartment in an even smaller town. That two-bedroom apartment became our new home, even if I didn't like it.

I remember hating my mother for moving me into such a horrible place and spending nights screaming and crying in the closet my sister and I shared that I wanted to "go home." But it was too late. I spent every other weekend in that house I called home, but it just wasn't the same. The spirit of my "childhood home" had just disappeared overnight.

### Danelle's Diary



Danelle Petersen

There was a brief time when I was in high school that my parents did get back together by some freak accident and I started to feel at home again. But it didn't last long, just like my parents' rekindled flame. That's life. It's not always fair, it's not always fun, but it's at least honest sometimes.

From that little apartment, we moved with my mom three more times, my dad four times and me five different

times after I moved out for school. My not-so-little sister has moved to Omaha for college and now lives with me. This leaves my recently-engaged mother in a house-for-sale, and asking herself where she belongs. My father is now living in Oklahoma City and tells me he is lonely and misses my sister and me often. All of this leaving me asking, "Where do I go if I want to go home?"

It wasn't until I saw the movie *Garden State* last year that I could better answer this question for myself. In the movie, the main character, Zach Braff, returns to his home after being gone for a decade for his mother's funeral. He starts to realize that going home isn't really "home" anymore and totally nails my theory on "home."

He says in the movie, "You know that point in your life when you realize that the house that you grew up in isn't really your home anymore? All of the sudden even though you have some place where you can put your stuff that idea of home is gone... You'll see when you move out it just sort of happens one day. One day and it's just gone. And you can never get it back. It's like you get homesick for a place that doesn't exist. I mean, it's like this right of passage, you know. You won't have this feeling again until you create a new idea of home for yourself, you know, for your kids, for the family you start, it's like

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# Laptops don't have to clean out students' checking accounts

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SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Most college students today rely on computers for a hefty portion of their schoolwork, including checking grades online, registering for classes, retrieving study notes, communicating with professors via e-mail or simply typing a paper.

While utilizing school labs is one way to go, there is something to be said about the convenience of having a computer at your own.

With more wireless access popping up on campus, a laptop would seem to be the perfect solution to bridge the gap between home and school.

Unfortunately for many, the terms "college student" and "empty wallet" seem to go hand in hand. Buying a used or refurbished laptop computer seems to be a solution for many. But is the quality of the product worth the money, or is buying new a better idea?

Dell, Gateway, Hewlett-Packard, IBM and other makers of laptops offer an online inventory. Another option is to look on e-Bay or a similar auction site for a private seller's offerings.

According to the Dell Web site, all of the refurbished systems they provide are disassembled and rebuilt, then tested. Many times they are laptops that had been returned within 21-days of purchase, meaning they have had little to no use. These computers also include the limited warranty that is offered with new products. Depending on the company, specifications for refurbished systems can vary, and so does the value.

In some cases, it may be both cheaper and more practical to buy new, especially from Hewlett Packard, who, according to an article on MSN, after rebates and adding necessary accessories, has a new laptop for sale for \$156 less than the identical machine refurbished. Students should read the fine print closely when it comes to rebates, though, because some will lock you into as much as a 36-month agreement with an Internet provider.

While buying a refurbished computer can save the customer hundreds of dollars compared to the cost of a new notebook, it is important to do proper research before making a purchase.

## New laptops for under a grand

Not interested in buying a used a refurbished laptop? Here are a few notebook computers that you can buy brand-new, each costing under \$1,000 (after rebates, where indicated). Note that unless otherwise stated, the following computers come with the standard Microsoft Windows XP software package. Remember that frugal shoppers can often find even better prices than those listed by using price comparison Web sites like Froogle.com and DealTime.com.

### \$548 - IC Power 15" Laptop, 1.6 GHz Mobile AMD Sempron 2600+

This affordable laptop comes with a 15-inch screen, which is pretty big for the price. It's got 1.6 GHz of power under the hood, built-in wireless Internet and 256 MB of RAM, which can be upgraded. It boasts a CD-RW/DVD drive that will let your burn music CDs and play DVDs. With 40 GB of hard drive space, it's not the roomiest model, but usually more than enough for just your typical word processing usage.

Available at Walmart.com

### \$767 - Toshiba 15" Laptop, 1.4 GHz Intel Celeron M Processor 360

This 1.4 GHz machine comes with a healthy 512 MB of RAM, more than enough for casual Web surfing. Built-in wireless Internet and a 60 GB hard drive sweeten the deal, but this model's weight is the cherry on top. At only 5.9 pounds, it's one of the lighter notebook computers around, which means it's easier to snatch up and take along in your backpack. If you're a fan of movies or digital video, you'll appreciate the S-Video port on the back so you can hook it up to your TV.

Available at Walmart.com

### \$999 - Gateway M325X 15" Laptop, Intel Pentium M Processor 725A



Gateway has the market cornered on portability with the M325X, weighing in at a tad over 5.5 pounds and a body less than one inch thick. The 1.6 GHz processor features Intel Centrino Mobile Technology, which equates to more bang for your buck. CD-RW/DVD is standard, as is a 15" screen, 40GB of hard drive space and 512 MB of RAM. Gateway also offers a 3-year warranty on parts and labor, which is much more than most companies offer. Only a buck short of a grand, the M325X is for those who want to pay a little extra for a svelte design.

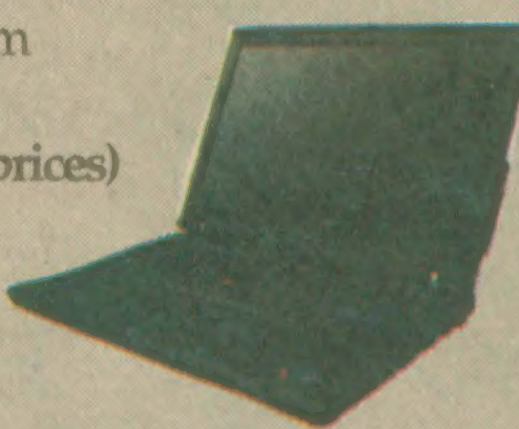
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### \$549 - Dell Inspiron 1200 14" Laptop, Intel Celeron M 360

Dell's budget laptop is less than \$600, but comes with a 14" screen that may not be big enough for some users. The 1.4 GHz processor is fast enough for word processing and casual Internet surfing, but may not be quick enough for newer games and programs. You can upgrade the 256 MB of RAM if you need to use Photoshop or a similar memory-hungry program. Although this model doesn't come with built-in wireless Internet, you can get it for just an additional \$39 when you order. A CD burner and DVD player is standard, so you'll have no problem burning music and watching movies.

Available at Dell.com

### \$815 (average sale prices) - IBM ThinkPad Z60m 15.4" Widescreen Laptop



You'll be hard-pressed to find a widescreen display laptop under \$1000, but the new IBM ThinkPad Z60m delivers. It's cool-looking black-matte and sleek, 1.5"-thick body will turn heads as you're working on your midterm paper. Especially useful for art, photography and broadcasting majors, the new widescreen laptop display idea is a godsend to some. Unfortunately this machine only comes stock with 1.5 GHz of processing power, 256 MB of RAM and a 40 GB hard drive, but the RAM and hard drive can be upgraded. Thankfully, it does come with built-in wireless Internet and a CD-RW/DVD drive. You'll have to shop at discount Internet stores to find it under \$1000, but if you're a fan of widescreen displays, this laptop is one heck of a deal.

Available at OnSale.com and TechOnWeb.com

### \$999 - Panasonic Toughbook T1 12.1" Laptop, Pentium III-M

Panasonic's Toughbook line is a force to be reckoned with. Designed for mobile professionals, Toughbooks are among the sturdiest and toughest-built laptops on the market. The T1 is housed in a magnesium alloy case, which is up to 20 times stronger than your typical plastic laptop housing. Internal parts like the hard drive and processor are shock-mounted, so they can withstand some knocking around. Unfortunately, there are some pretty big payoffs for the durability besides the hefty price tag on this entry-level model. The T1 has a small 12-inch screen and is driven by a not-so-speedy 866 MHz processor. The 256 MB of RAM helps, but don't expect to be playing *Doom III* on this thing. The Toughbooks line is designed for people who work in the field—usually with word processing or technical computing—and in that sense, the laptop is a success.

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It has been a good week for geek news. We've got a ton of huge projects in the works, both starting and getting into that starting position. The next few weeks are going to be great and there will be nerds everywhere, wetting themselves and shrieking in pure, geek joy. Announcements are coming from all over the place everyday now. We've already heard the news that Nicolas Cage named his new child Kal-El Coppola Cage (Kal-El is Superman's Kryptonian name, for the uninformed). Yup, Cage is a psycho. But there's plenty more to come this month and next. So let's talk about Spider-Man.

### Spider-Man 3

A lot of stuff went down this week in the Sony camp. Kirsten Dunst has not been able to shut up about the movie. Maybe she doesn't know anything, but she keeps saying things in her *Elizabethtown* press interviews that she probably shouldn't say. Things like the villains will be Sandman, Venom, and one more still secret villain. Things like she's done after this movie. Things like Spider-Man will fight the Terminator.

I told you she probably didn't know what she was talking about. So anyway...we've been hearing for months that the villain was going to be Venom or Sandman. Then we found out that Thomas Hayden Church and Topher Grace had both been cast as villains. And Dunst says that there's one more "half-a-villain."

Just this week, Sony put up an



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official Web site for the movie (and its predecessors) at [www.spiderman.sonypictures.com](http://www.spiderman.sonypictures.com). They put up a place to check out the villain candidates and, well...there's a lot. They have 16 and it still says "some of the candidates." Bottom line: we have some time to see if this is true.

What I think is this, though...Topher Grace as Venom? Really? Come on. Venom needs to be menacing and gigantic. Grace just isn't right physically in most fans eyes. If Venom is in this movie, I think it has to be Church for the simple fact that he looks more like the

part. I also don't think that Sandman is popular enough to be the third major villain for Spidey to face in the movies. I think Sandman has been tossed around as a joke from Sony to throw everyone off.

But here's what we know about Venom: Sam Raimi, director, hates him. Raimi also did an interview with this English comedian/reporter who said something to the effect that the next villain was "right there in black and

white." Like Venom. We also know that he is the most popular Spider-Man villain of all time and that he'll be in there eventually.

I don't know. I'm probably gonna be wrong on this, but my gut is telling me that Church will be Venom and Grace will be some other dude. Maybe Hobgoblin, who's also been mentioned a lot.

As for the "half-villain," Dunst is talking about Harry Osbourne, taking over as Green Goblin (as teased in the second film) or the Lizard, who's human counterpart has been introduced as Peter Parker's teacher already.

Ahhhh...all I know for sure is that we still have a couple of months to wait for an official announcement and Raimi and Sony will let us sweat it out until then and they will try to throw us off.

### Indiana Jones 4

The new claim from some talent agency is that one of their star 19-year old models has been cast. They also say that Harrison Ford and Sean Connery are back. Uhh...but then on their Web site they posted the wrong picture of this girl.

Okay...19-year old? There hasn't been a character younger than 30 in any Jones movie before. That feels off. Second, no one from the Indy camp has said anything in months. That means

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## Release Dates and Events: Oct. 7 – Oct. 13

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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

### DVD:

Tuesday, Oct. 11  
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## Mavericks prepare to face Minnesota-Duluth

CHRIS HARRINGTON  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

After going undefeated in its four non-conference games, the UNO football team will resume conference play this Saturday on the road against Minnesota-Duluth.

The Bulldogs are the only team in the North Central Conference the No. 14 Mavericks are not familiar with. The two teams clashed together at Al. F. Caniglia Field in 2004 with UNO coming out on top 38-24. This will also be the Mavericks' first trip to Griggs Field at Malosky Stadium.

"It was a great feeling to go undefeated in our non-conference games, but now it's time to focus all our attention on our conference games, which are the most important," said UNO quarterback Brian Masek. "It will be an even greater feeling if we can do the same and go undefeated in our next five games."

UNO (4-1) needs a win on Saturday to put itself back in position to defend its NCC crown. A loss to the Bulldogs could be a motivational killer to the Mavericks and would most likely spoil any hopes of the team trying to advance to the Division II playoffs at the end of the regular season.

Kyle Schweigert is in his second season coaching the Bulldogs, and his team is off to a good start, with a 5-

1 record and 1-0 in NCC play. The Bulldogs' only loss came on the road to Northern Iowa, a Division I-AA team. Minnesota-Duluth's record is a step forward for the team since it went 4-7 in 2004. Saturday's match-up will also be the Bulldogs' homecoming game.

"Minnesota-Duluth is a very physical football team that tries to stop the run, and we'll have to be ready for them," UNO Head Coach Pat Behrns said. "Hopefully we'll put a good game plan together."

Minnesota-Duluth is averaging 29 points per game and giving up 18.8 points on defense. The Bulldogs rank fourth in the NCC in rush defense, allowing only 95.3 yards per game, but rank sixth in pass defense, giving up 197 yards per game through the air.

UNO's defense got its first shutout in two seasons last Saturday against Oklahoma Panhandle State, but will have to be aware of what Minnesota-Duluth can do on offense. The Bulldogs love to pass the ball, which means the Mavericks' secondary will have to be ready to defend the pass. Minnesota-Duluth's signal-caller Ted Schlafke is one of the top three passing and total offense leaders in the NCC. Schlafke has completed 62.9 percent of his passes for 1,379 yards, 15 touchdowns and five interceptions.

Once again, the Maverick defense,

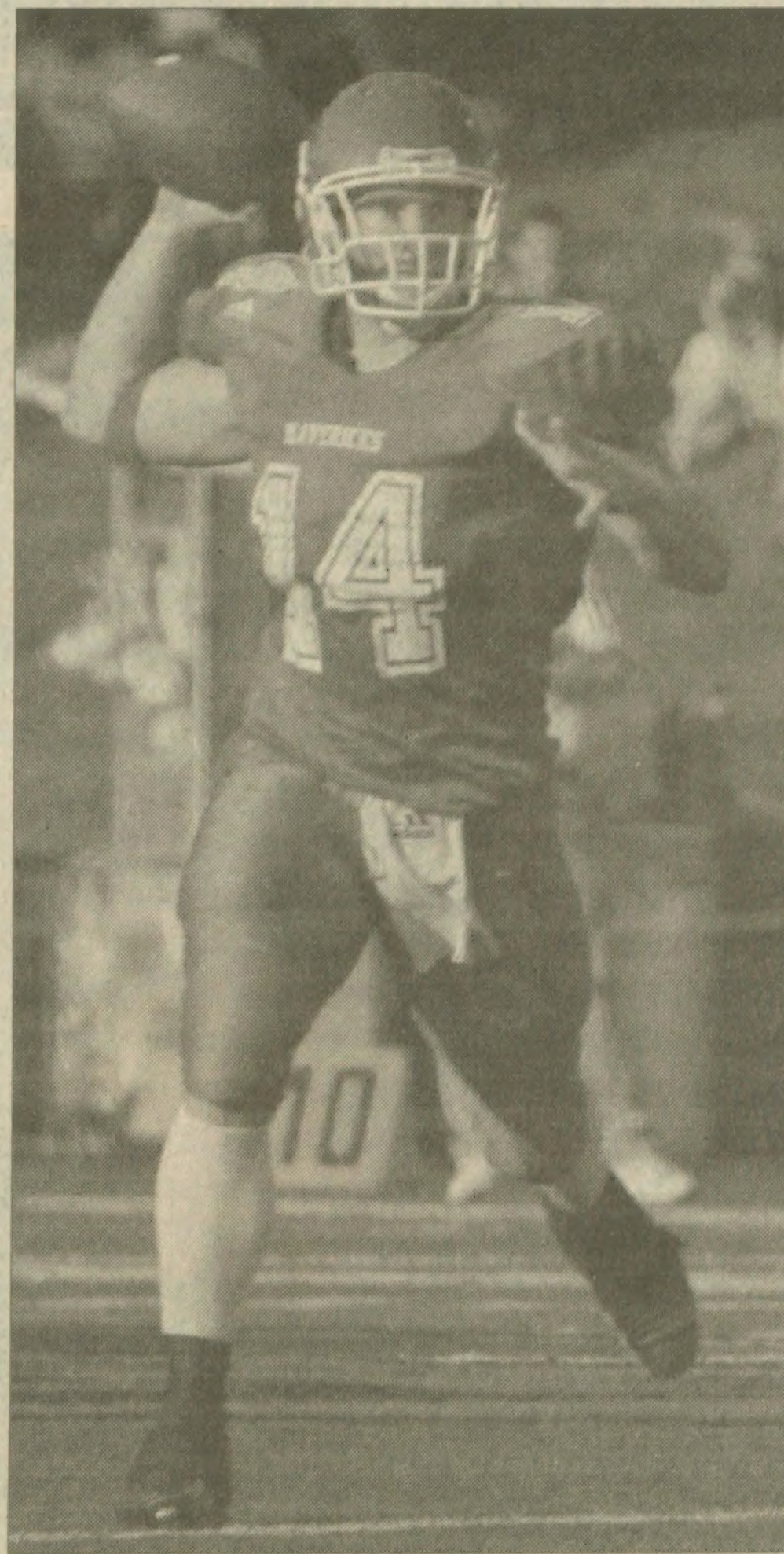


photo by Michelle Bishop  
UNO quarterback Brian Masek completes a touchdown pass during a recent game.

which ranks last in total and pass defense in the NCC, will be on its heels facing some talented Bulldog receivers. Schlafke's targets, Vinny Flurry, LaShawn Bullock and Greg Aker, combined for 81 catches for 962 yards and eight touchdowns so far this season.

Although UNO has the top punter in the NCC in Don Grafton, who averages 40.2 yards per punt, Minnesota-Duluth has a pair of athletes who are very dangerous at returning punts.

Weston Dressler has returned 19 punts for 325 yards and two touchdowns, averaging 17.1 yards per punt return. Marcus Davis has returned nine punts for 147 yards and a touchdown, averaging 16.3 yards per punt return. The Bulldogs also have shown that they can pick off opposing quarterbacks' passes, with three different defenders having two interceptions each.

It will be up to Behrns whether he wants to let Jamar Day and the offensive line pound the ball right at the heart of Minnesota-Duluth's defense or let Masek pick apart the team's vulnerable secondary.

UNO's All-American linebacker Taiwou Onatolu is expected to be back on the field after missing the Oklahoma Panhandle State game with an ankle injury. Saturday's game will start at 1 p.m. and will be broadcast on 1020 KOIL AM.

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## New playoff structure makes regular season games more important, reaching finals more challenging

NATHAN LEETE  
SPORTS EDITOR

In an effort to put more emphasis on regular season games and boost playoff and championship attendance, the Central Collegiate Hockey Association has redone its postseason structure.

All 12 CCHA teams will still participate in playoffs, the preliminary rounds will still be best-of-three series and the finals will still be held at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena.

That's where the similarities end. There will now be one more week of playoffs and two less teams at the CCHA Championships.

In the new system, the teams with the four best records at the end of the regular season will be awarded first-round byes. The rest will play a first round best-of-three series with No. 5 hosting No. 12, No. 6 hosting No. 11 and so on. After this first round, the winning teams will be re-seeded so

that the lowest winning seed will play the No. 1 team, the second lowest will play No. 2 and so forth. The teams will then play another round of best-of-three series. In the old system, all 12 teams competed in one preliminary best-of-three round.

This leads up to the biggest change in the playoff structure. Only four teams will make it to The Joe, two less than in previous years. The CCHA hopes that this will make reaching the finals a bigger accomplishment and draw more fans to the arena.

"This really puts a bigger premium on the regular season," UNO Head Coach Mike Kemp said. "It's a tremendous advantage to get a first-round bye. If you have players at that time of the season that are injured you can give them a rest. If you have players that are tired you can give them a rest."

Another advantage for the top four teams is that they would only have to play a maximum of three games

to get to The Joe. Kemp said that the worst-case scenario could be up to eight games in 15 days if a team went all three games in the first and second rounds and made it to the finals. Teams also have to make adjustments for travel. UNO, for example, could play in Fairbanks, Alaska one week and Ohio or Michigan the next, then in Detroit at the end, making practice between games impossible.

"That's pretty tough," Kemp said. The CCHA also hopes that this new system will help more conference teams make it to the NCAA tournament. Only the conference champion has a guaranteed birth in the tournament. The rest of the teams have to make it as an at large bid based on their Ratings Percentage Index, or RPI. This new system will increase teams schedule strengths by forcing the top four teams to play higher ranked teams in the playoffs, which will in turn increase their RPI.

"It makes a lot of sense from that standpoint," Kemp said.

It was not an easy decision to change the playoff structure. According to Kemp, almost every vote in the decision-making process resulted in a 6-6 tie between the coaches. The 12 conference athletics directors had final say in the process.

"It was hardly a unanimous decision," Kemp said. "The feeling just was that this was probably the best way to ensure a real positive crowd and a great interest in the Joe Louis Arena for the finals."

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# Non-conference sweep stretches Mavericks volleyball streak to eight

NATHAN LEETE  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO volleyball team picked up its eighth straight win Tuesday night in Maryville, Mo. The Mavericks swept Northwest Missouri State 32-30, 30-26, 30-28 and improved to 12-4 on the season.

Christina Reicks led the Mavericks once again with 13 kills and seven digs. Ashley Freeman added another 11 kills and five digs. Sophomore Carlie Christensen contributed nine kills, five blocks and hit a match-high .444. Christie Johnson had 34 assists, five digs and two kills, including the match winner.

UNO trailed by as much as five points twice in the first match, but the Mavs bounced back. With the score at 27-25, Freeman got a kill, Stacie Wernhoff put up a service ace and the Bearcats' Rachel Spensley committed an attack

error to give the Mavericks the lead. NWMSU answered with two consecutive points off of attack errors, but then gave up a service error to tie the game at 30. Reicks ended game one with a kill for the 32-30 win.

The Mavericks faced a 17-10 deficit in the second game before taking nine of the next 11 points to tie it up at 19 all. It was back and forth until the game was tied again at 23-23. The Mavs put up four straight points then held on for the 30-26 victory.

The Bearcats refused to let the match end by saving six match points in the third game when the Mavericks held a 29-22 lead. Johnson ended the night with a kill.

NWMSU outhit UNO .202 to .185 for the match, but it wasn't enough to stop the Mavs. UNO will resume North Central Conference play on Oct. 8 when they travel to Vermillion, S.D. to take on the University of South Dakota.

## From THE DRUNK DIARIES: Page 3

dance floor and a DJ, which was weird because it was a Sunday night. This time I was there on a Saturday with no dancing to be had. Too bad.

The prices are the average, which meant I stayed mostly sober that night. Definitely a great

## From DANELLE'S DIARY: Page 3

a cycle or something. I miss the idea of it. Maybe that's all family really is. A group of people who miss the same imaginary place."

It's so true. Family is more important to me now and I can see it so clearly. We may be in different places but we all miss the same place.

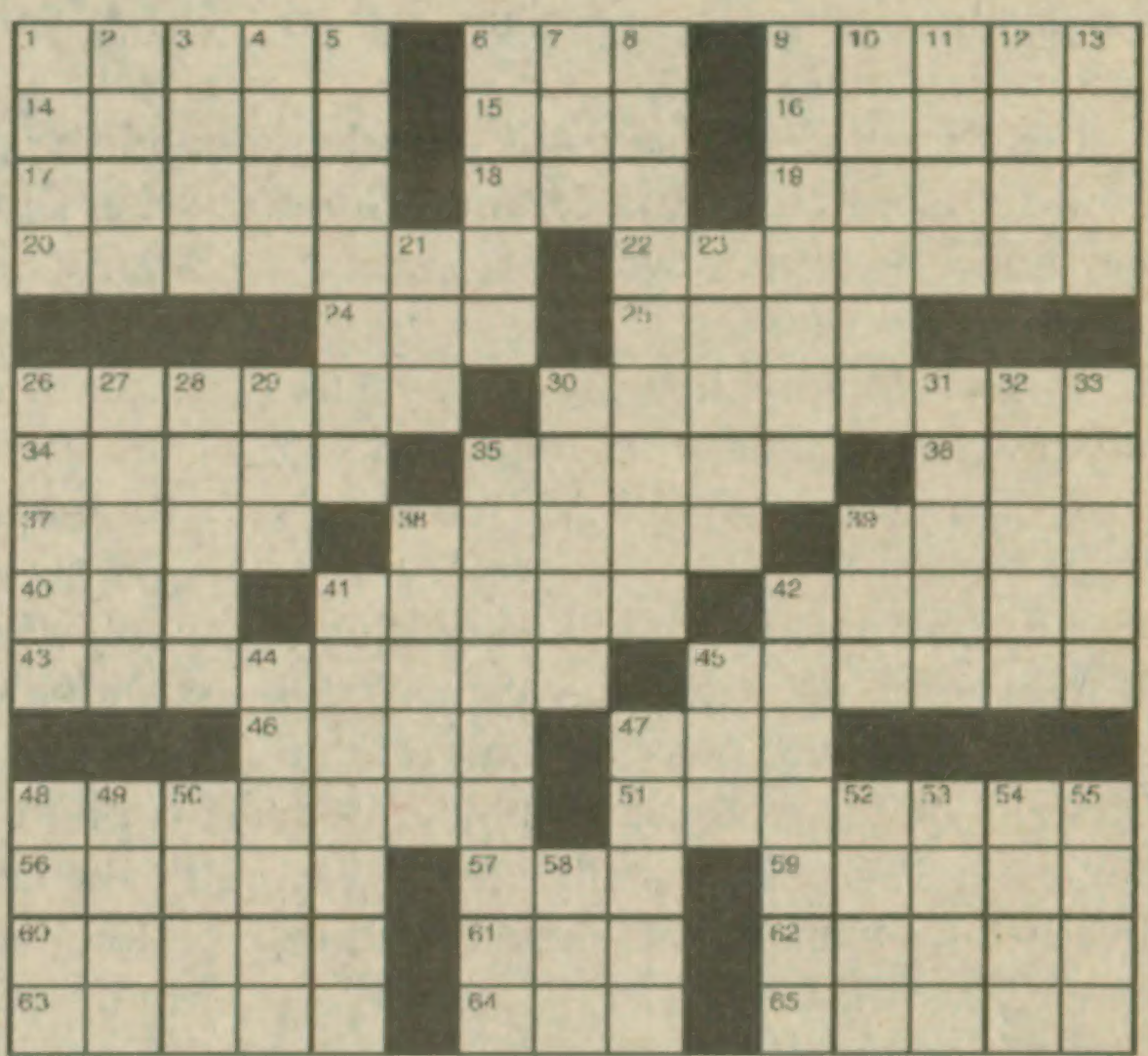
place to go hang out, meet up with people, or just run into people you kind of know.

There you go for this week. Tell me what you think of this new style if you run into me on campus. Or recommend some places to me. Just quit throwing things. Back in a week.

And the moments that we are the happiest are spent with each other in new places remembering the place we once called home. We may not live there anymore, but we built that house with our dreams, and they still live there. Even if it is in our imaginations.

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they probably aren't doing anything. And lastly, Connery is officially retired until further notice.

I still say *Indiana Jones 4* is canceled, like I did last time in the column. Got a loooooooooong time to wait, if it isn't.

**Halo: The Movie**

I wasn't looking forward to this at all, but now? Peter "Lord of the Rings" Jackson is producing this. Why? Microsoft has lots of money.

Anyway, this is really a good thing. He may end up directing, even. We'll see about that, but everyone knows that Jackson won't mess this up. They've been moving on this project really quickly and already have some great talent, including the writer of *28 Days Later*.

**Batman vs. Wolverine**

Director Christopher Nolan's next

movie will feature Christian Bale and Hugh Jackman together. The director is taking a break from Batman for a while to do a film based on comic book writer Christopher Priest's first novel *The Prestige* (to be released later this year).

The book, set in turn of the century London, is about two warring magicians. They are real magicians, though. Like... with magic and stuff.

This is gonna rule. Look at the people involved in this project already. The story sounds out there and cool and Bale and Jackman are awesome given the right people to write and direct. Plus, there's the whole magician thing. This is going to be like the dark, grown up fight between Merlin and Madam Mim in *Sword of the Stone*. Remember that? I know. I have a sad existence.

From **TOP SEATS:** Page 1

that the process is over. It was strenuous. The strenuous part was seeing if people would come out to vote."

This definitive vote is a change of pace for UNO's student government. Last year's elections dragged on well into November due to a series of grievances filed in the 2004 run-off elections between current student government leaders Student President/Regent Elizabeth Kraemer and Vice President LaMarr Womble, and their opponents Vince Drieling and his running mate Jessica Vincik.

The three referenda items that were on the ballot were decided as well. Item one regarding funding for the *Gateway* was approved by 47.25 percent.

Item two was decided allowing the use of a part of student fee income to

support campus speakers during the 2005-2006 with a vote of nearly 55 percent.

The only referenda item voted down was the item to drafted to allow a portion of student fee income to provide salaries for student government officers. It was voted down with nearly 42 percent of the ballots casts.

Massara and Smith will be installed early in the spring semester. In preparation, Massara plans to learn about the procedures followed in the Board of Regents from Kraemer.

"[I plan to] work closely with Elizabeth Kraemer. The policy of the Board of Regents is what I'm most interested in."

Massara spoke confidently in his ability to lead student government.

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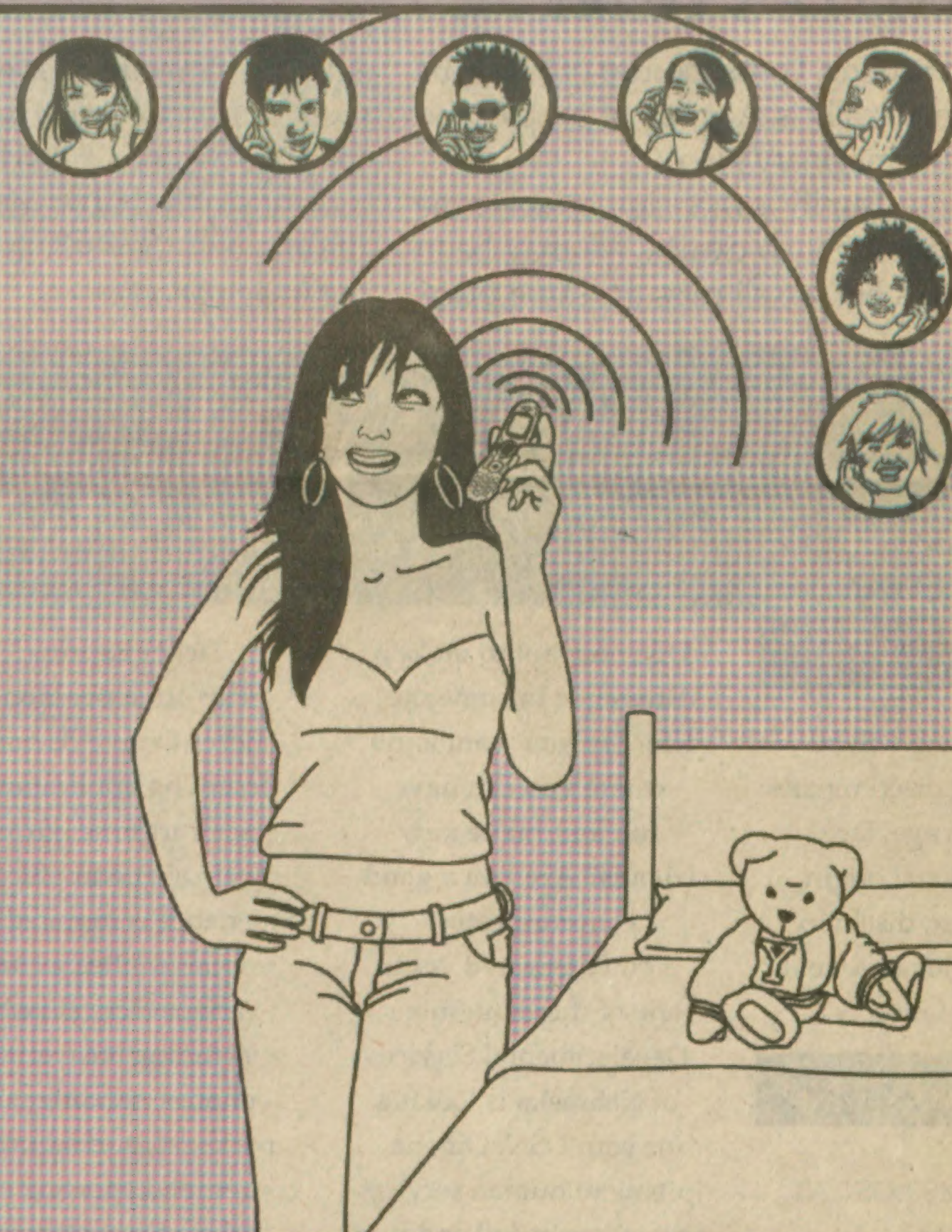
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